

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, before line 1, please insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

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The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/143,013
Pat. No. 6,744,545,
filed on May 13, 2002, which in turn is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No.
Pat. No. 6,400,391,
09/588,342 filed on June 6, 2000, which in turn claims priority to JP 11-163037 filed on
June 9, 1999, the entire of contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph at page 20, lines 3-16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

'A range, which a light flux passes through, of a lens', is, 'a range, which a light flux deflected by a light deflector passes through when being deflected, of an optical scanning lens'. In details, with respect to main scanning directions, 'a range, which a light flux passes through and which corresponds to an effective writing width of a surface to be scanned, of a lens', is a range, which a deflected light flux passes through, in the lens, with respect to sub-scanning directions, it is preferable that 'a range, which a light flux passes through, of a lens', is 'one on the order of between ± 2 [[bm]] mm in consideration of change in an angle at which a light flux emitted from a light source and/or surface inclination of a light deflector'.